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VIENNA AND GENEVA FOR MBFR AND CSCE

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1. HIGHLIGHTS. WEDNESDAY PAPERS FRONTPAGED WILSON SEEKS

TO RENEGOTIATE MARKET MEMBERSHIP; THURSDAY FRIDAY

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FEATURED ARABS AND OIL EMBARGO, WITH THREAT OF RENEWAL

DEPENDING ON MIDEAST PROGRESS.

1A. WEDNESDAY INSIDE PAPERS REPORTED US SOFTENS KISSINGER'S WORDS ON EUROPE; BALTSUN PARIS SAID KISSINGER-JOBERT FEUD BECOMING SO PERSONAL IT COULD AFFECT RELATIONS; WASHPOST BRUSSELS REPORTED ALLIED ENERGY TALKS STILL ON DESPITE RIFT; WASHSTAR REPORTED KISSINGER TESTIFIED BEFORE STENNIS' ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE, COVERING SALT, GENERAL MILITARY SITUATION, AND MIDEAST DIPLOMACY, STENNIS COMMENTING: WE'RE GOING TO MAKE HIM PART OF OUR PROCUREMENT HEARINGS EVERY YEAR.

1B. THURSDAY INSIDE PAPERS REPORTED POMPIDOU SPURNS SOVIET IDEA OF 35-NATION SUMMIT; PRAVDA SAYS NATO GAMES THIS MONTH INTENDED TO BLIGHT ARMS TALKS; BALTSUN REPORTS

SOVIET DEVELOPING A SUBMARINE AND TWO NEW TYPES OF BOMBER, CITING SEN. BUCKLEY'S ARTICLE IN NATIONAL REVIEW; BRUSSELS REPORTED OIL EXPERTS WANT TALKS WITH PRODUCERS WITHIN THREE MONTHS.

1C. FRIDAY INSIDE PAPERS REPORT FROM BRUSSELS US AGAIN COMPLAINS RE CONSULTATION; KISSINGER REGRETS REMARK ON EUROPE; GERMANY'S SIGN ACCORD FOR PERMANENT MISSIONS; CRITICS ATTACK TACTICAL A-ARMS IN EUROPE; DIEGO GARCIA EXPANSION OPPOSED BY LAROCQUE AND RAVENAL.

2. KISSINGER. WEDNESDAY NYTIMES GWERTZMAN REPORTED KISSINGER SOUGHT TO SOFTEN IMPACT OF HIS HARSH REMARKS ABOUT EUROPEAN ALLIES. FACING WITH SHOCK IN EUROPE AND SOME DISMAY AT STATE AFTER HIS BROADSIDE ATTACK ON EUROPEANS AT STATE LUNCHEON FOR CONGRESSIONAL WIVES WHICH HE BELIEVED WAS NOT OPEN TO PRESS COVERAGE, KISSINGER ISSUED STATEMENT TUESDAY ACKNOWLEDGING REAL AND SERIOUS PROBLEMS IN ALLIANCE BUT PLEDGING US WOULD EXHIBIT PATIENCE AND GOODWILL IN SEEKING TO OVERCOME THEM. KISSINGER WANTED TO SET RECORD STRAIGHT, ONE AID SAID, IN WAY THAT KEPT TO SUBSTANCE OF HIS DISAGREEMENT WITH EUROPEANS OVER SUCH SUBJECTS AS ADEQUATE CONSULTATIONS, BUT WITHOUT ADDING TO GROWING PUBLIC DEBATE. IN CONCILIATORY STATEMENT UNCLASSIFIED

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KISSINGER SAID "OUR OVERRIDING OBJECTIVE IS TO PRESERVE UNITY OF WEST, WHICH HAS BROUGHT US TO THIS POINT AND WHICH IS EVEN MORE ESSENTIAL TO THE FUTURE." WEDNESDAY WASHPOST ADDED JOBERT SAID KISSINGER USING WRONG STRATEGY IN EUROPE, WITH AN ATTITUDE THAT SEEMS ARTIFICIAL EXCESSIVE. WEDNESDAY BALTSUN KEAT ADDED KISSINGER'S MOLLIFYING STATEMENT WAS FRANKEST PUBLIC ADMISSION THAT ATLANTIC ALLIANCE IS SEVERELY STRAINED. ACCORDING SENIOR US OFFICIAL, DEBATE

OVER LANGUAGE IN US-EUROPEAN DECLARATION OF POLITICAL ALLIANCE HAD SO STRAINED ALLIANCE THAT IT WOULD BE MEANINGLESS.

2A. FRIDAY WASHPOST MARDER REPORTS KISSINGER, AT UNUSUAL APPEARANCE BEFORE STATE NEWS BRIEFING YESTERDAY, DENIED HE INTENDED TO CAST ANY REFLECTION ON LEGITIMACY OF EXISTING EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS IN EARLIER REMARKS; KISSINGER REITERATED THERE ARE FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEMS INSIDE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE. KISSINGER'S MONDAY REMARK THAT THERE HAVE RARELY BEEN FULLY LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENTS IN EUROPE SINCE WW1,

STUNG ALL ACROSS EUROPE DESPITE ATTEMPTS ON TUESDAY TO SOFTEN WHAT KISSINGER SAID. AT NEWS BRIEFING KISSINGER SAID THIS REMARK WAS MADE IN CONTEXT OF EXPLAINING IMPERATIVE NECESSITY OF CARRYING OUT POLICY OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE IN AGE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, ADDING, FOR US, COMMUNITY OF WEST HAS BEEN CORNERSTONE OF OUR FOREIGN POLICY.

2B. FRIDAY BALTO SUN KEAT ADDS KISSINGER AT NEWS BRIEFING SAID THERE IS NO PERSONAL DISPUTE OR PERSONAL PIQUE BETWEEN THIS ADMINISTRATION AND ANY EUROPEAN LEADERS. THE ISSUE, HE SAID, IS WHETHER EUROPEAN IDENTITY CAN BE DEVELOPED IN COLLABORATION WITH US OR MUST BE DEVELOPED INHERENTLY IN OPPOSITION TO US.

3. EUROPEAN DEFENSE. FRIDAY WASHPOST MORGAN REPORTS THAT IN TESTIMONY BEFORE A SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE TWO FORMER HIGH DEFENSE OFFICIALS, ENTHOVEN AND WARNKE, CALLED FOR A DRASTIC REDUCTION IN THE 7,000 AMERICAN TACTICAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS LOCATED IN EUROPE AND WARNED THAT USING SUCH DEVICES COULD DESTROY THE EUROPEAN CON-

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TINENT RATHER THAN SAVE IT. SYMINGTON QUOTED A FORMER DEFENSE OFFICIAL AS TELLING HIM THE MILITARY HAS HAD ALMOST NO SUCCESS IN DEVELOPING A DOCTRINE FOR USING THE WEAPONS ON EUROPEAN BATTLEFIELDS EVEN THOUGH US NUKES IN EUROPE HAVE 20 TIMES THE POWER OF ALL BOMBS USED IN WORLD WAR II, KOREA AND VIETNAM. WARNKE CLAIMED DEVELOPMENT OF A MINI-NUKE COULD IN FACT REDUCE DETERRENCE BY SEEMING TO MAKE THE CONSEQUENCES OF AN ATTACK LESS DIRE TO AN AGGRESSOR AND THAT IF THE OTHER SIDE HAD NO MINI-NUKES IT MIGHT FEEL COMPELLED TO STRIKE WITH LARGER, DIRTIER WEAPONS. WARNKE SUGGESTED THE OFFER OF A MAJOR REDUCTION IN AMERICAN LONG RANGE TACTICAL WEAPONS IN EUROPE COULD SPEED PROG
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